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Reagan will pursue talks in El Salvador

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, declaring it unlikely the United States will send combat troops to El Salvador, is vowing to pursue diplomatic efforts so "we do not just sit passively by and let this hemisphere be invaded by outside forces."

Hours before Reagan's comments were aired in a television interview, however, State Department officials quickly dismissed a socialist leader's plea for U.S. participation in Salvadoran peace talks.

That is El Salvador's business, department spokesman William Dyess said, and "we will not tell them what to do."

Reagan, meanwhile, said he foresees no circumstance in which U.S. combat troops would be sent to El Salvador and cautioned against drawing parallels between the conflict in the tiny Central American country and the war in Vietnam.

"I do see our continued work in the field of diplomacy with neighboring countries that are interested in Central America, South America to bring this violence to a halt and to make

sure that we do not just sit passively by and let this hemisphere be invaded by outside forces," Reagan told CBS newsman Walter Cronkite.

"I certainly don't see any likelihood of us going in with fighting forces."

Acknowledging that comparisons are being made between U.S. involvement in El Salvador and Vietnam, the president insisted "the difference is so profound."

"What we are actually doing is at the request of a government, in one of our neighboring countries, helping, offering some help against the import or the export into the Western Hemisphere of terrorism, of disruption. And it isn't just El Salvador. That happens to be the target at the moment."

Reagan said the United States would have no trouble extricating itself if necessary from El Salvador.

"If that government is no longer there, we're not going there without an invitation," he said. "We're not forcing ourselves upon them. And you simply leave. And there aren't that many people to be extricated."

Reagan said the nation learned in

Vietnam that "never again do we send an active fighting force to a country to fight unless it is for a cause that we intend to win."

Asked if that could translate into a commitment to use whatever military force might become necessary to support the military-civilian junta, Reagan said: "No. No. No. Because we are not sending combat troops there. And again, the difference becomes very great."

Asked about administration hints that it will take action against Cuba to stop the flow of arms to Salvadoran leftists, Reagan said "there are a lot of things open — diplomacy, trade — a number of things."

He said strong comments on Cuba by Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. are not "in any way...suggesting an assault on Cuba."

He did not rule out a naval blockade to block weapons deliveries, but noted that another approach would be to "intercept them when they are landing at the other end or find them where they are in the locale."

Kirland calls economic proposals 'too generous'

WASHINGTON (AP) — AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland assailed President Reagan's economic proposals today as a prescription for more inflation and more unemployment and said they would cheat low- and middle-income Americans while pretending to be fair to all.

"We do not believe that the nation has been too generous in helping the poor, the disadvantaged and the unemployed," Kirkland said in testimony prepared for the House Budget Committee. "We believe the administration's proposal is too generous in supporting the wealthy and the powerful."

It was some of the harshest criticism Congress has heard since Reagan unveiled his program of tax and budget cuts Feb. 18. And Kirkland's comments were in sharp contrast to positions outlined Tuesday before other congressional committees by Federal Reserve Chairman Paul A. Volcker and Elmer Staats, the out-

going head of the General Accounting Office.

Volcker said Congress should cut the budget more deeply than Reagan is recommending and said "all the risks" to the economy are on the side of cutting too little.

He also advised against making tax cuts unless spending cuts are voted "in tandem," not only for this year but for the future as well.

Staats said Reagan's proposals ignore chances for even greater savings but warned that some cuts indicate a "planned neglect" approach that could backfire in the future.

He said ending automatic cost-of-living adjustments in federal programs, improved debt collection and other changes could pare the federal budget even further than the administration is recommending.

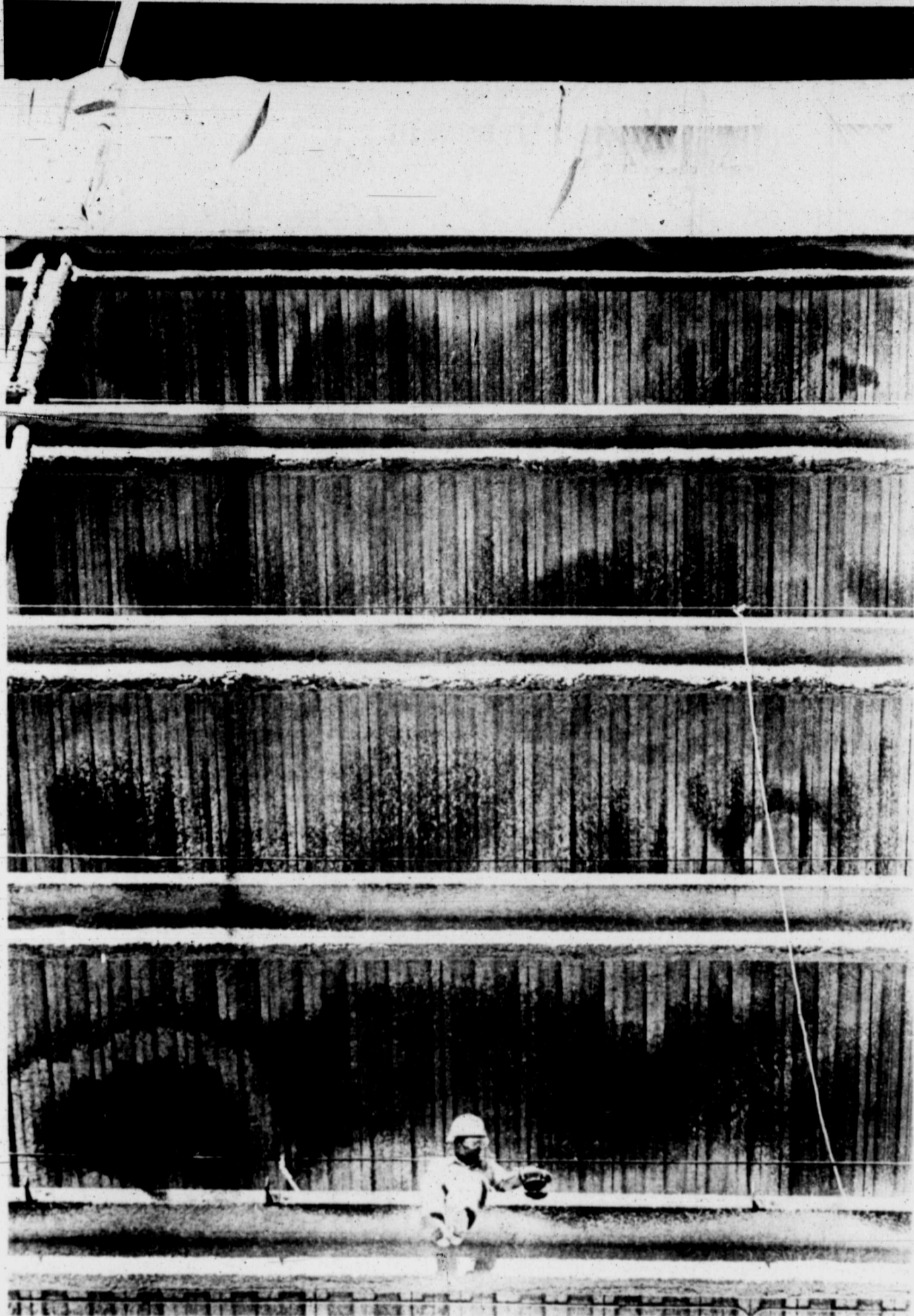
In another development Tuesday, Rep. Daniel Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said the

panel would finish work on a tax cut bill before Labor Day. He reiterated his intention to link tax reduction with spending cuts in the programs the committee has jurisdiction over.

That view was reinforced by Budget Committee Chairman James Jones, D-Okla., who said Tuesday night there is "general hope" among Democrats that the 1982 budget can be reconciled, as well as a tax cut enacted, by Aug. 1.

Rostenkowski also disclosed that Republicans and Democrats on the committee are preparing a letter to Reagan mentioning a Jan. 1, 1981, effective date for business tax breaks. The letter also would discuss an undisclosed date for making personal tax cuts effective, he said.

Such a letter presumably would send a signal to the business community that Congress is committed to approving the measure calling for business tax breaks retroactive to the first of the year.



'Sandman' visits Summit's sixth floor

A construction worker on the sixth floor of the 12-story Summit office building under construction in downtown Midland sands exterior beams to prepare the surface for weld braces to hold window

frames on the glass-exterior building. The Summit is located at Illinois Avenue and Marienfeld Street. (Staff Photo by Chad Puerling)

Gasoline tax may be live issue

Increase needed to pump up highway funds

By LEE JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Increased state taxes on gasoline, a suggestion laughed out of committee last October, is no longer a laughing matter and, in fact, may be a live issue in the current legislative session, according to the House leader.

Speaker Bill Clayton said the state highway system, financed largely through Texas' nickel-a-gallon gasoline tax, is draining state revenue at a rapidly increasing pace, possibly reaching \$900 million in 1982-83.

Clayton's comments came after conferring with Gov. Bill Clements, who wanted to make a gasoline tax increase part of his legislative program but dumped it for lack of legislative support.

Clements' budget director, Paul Wrotenbery, was almost laughed out of a House Ways and Means Committee hearing in October when he presented a graduated approach that would raise the tax to 10 cents by 1983.

"It's not a laughing matter any more. It is something to be looked at. There probably is going to be a lot more talk about it," Clayton told The Associated Press.

Don Rives, executive assistant of Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, said a gasoline tax increase had not been discussed lately in the lieutenant governor's office.

"Fine! Glad to hear it!" Rives said when told of Clayton's interest in raising the tax on motor fuel. He said Hobby had been for a "moderate increase" but "as a practical

matter, he was afraid it would not pass."

Texas has the lowest gasoline tax in the nation.

Clayton said the matter would come up next week at a meeting of the

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Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council, which the governor leads.

The council will present estimates on the general revenue drain for highways, and Clayton said he had asked Ways and Means Chairman Bob Davis, R-Davis, to get figures on the highway funding requirements.

Highway construction is financed largely from motor fuel taxes, but state law supplements that with general revenue funds to keep road

spending at \$750 million a year in 1979 dollars.

Clayton said his concern about the general revenue drain was intensified by knowledge that the Legislative Budget Board's recommended state budget exceeds income forecasts by \$500 million.

The speaker also said he will work for passage of Rockdale Rep. Dan Kubiak's bill exempting gasohol — a blend of 10 percent ethanol alcohol and unleaded gasoline — from the gasoline tax.

Kubiak and several agricultural groups view the tax exemption as necessary to build the kind of gasohol market it would take to secure financing for alcohol plants in Texas.

Six plants, costing \$200 million, are ready to start building and make gasohol a reality.

Balloons drift long distance

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — "Please mail this for me. It is for a contest," read the postcard found dangling from a string in a mesquite tree in Justiceburg, Texas.

It was found by Texan Billy Blacklock, and it came from Travis Drydyk, 9, of Tempe.

The card was attached originally to one of the 350 helium-filled balloons released by Mitchell School youngsters in Tempe to celebrate Arbor Day early last month.

Some were found in New Mexico. Gino Palmer's card and balloon were found by W.L. Morzon 12 miles east of Plains, Texas. Bobbye Jo McClure of Brownfield, Texas, saw Bonnie Robinson's balloon in a cotton field.

And a survey party chief, Charles R. Porterfield, located Bill Bennett's balloon about 15 miles northeast of Roswell, N.M. — in "Section 19, T9S, R25E NMPM," Porterfield said in returning the card.

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Postal Service concerned primarily with productivity

WASHINGTON (AP) — The management of the Postal Service is more concerned about the productivity of workers than it is about safe working conditions, a confidential report commissioned by the Postal Service says.

A copy of the report by E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., for which the Postal Service paid nearly \$175,000, was obtained by The Associated Press.

"Safety in the U.S. Postal Service is not managed now. Management reacts to correct a specific problem rather than establishing a systematic approach to involve all members of management in an effort to develop programs with lasting benefits," the report said.

"We found in most managers a desire to improve safety but an inadequate commitment to achieve that result," it said.

The top Postal Service official responsible for safety, Carl Ulsaker, could not be reached Tuesday for comment on the Du Pont report. Spokesman Jamison Cain said, "We paid for that report. Our purpose was to find out what was wrong so that we can correct things."

The report is likely to provide unions representing the 550,000 postal workers with ammunition when talks begin April 20 on a new labor agreement. Union leaders have repeatedly charged that postal management tolerates unsafe working conditions, pointing to several fatal accidents as intolerable examples of what can happen to employees working in mail-handling facilities.

Filing closes for local offices

Time ran out today for Midlanders who hadn't made up their minds about running for a local office. Filing date-ended at 5 p.m. today.

The election, to be held April 4, will include a \$6.6 million school bond issue and places on the City Council, Midland Independent School District board of trustees and Midland County Hospital District board of directors.

Midland College elects trustees only during even-numbered years.

Three places are up for election on the City Council. Doris Howbert, who has been in Place 1 for four years, decided not to seek a third term. Vying for that spot are Giffert Alstrin of Western State Bank and Jesse Hatfield, a businessman.

Gordon Marcum II is unopposed in his try for a third term as Place 2 councilman. He is a vice president of Olix Industries, Inc.

Place 3 has drawn a crowd of candidates, including incumbent Carroll Thomas, who has been in that spot for six years.

He is being opposed by John Phipps, with Billingsley Enterprises and a former member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and George Veloz, a businessman and also member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Three candidates are vying for two open slots on the MISD board of trustees. Former school trustee Ann

Page will run for the Place 3 position on the board currently held by Johnny R. Warren. Mrs. Page was defeated in the last school board election.

Newcomers Michael E. Butler, assistant director of the public works department, and Gary Hopper, KOSA-TV newsman, have filed for the Place 4 board seat currently held by Marshall McCrea.

Mostly incumbents have filed for the Hospital District's board of directors. Current president of the board and former mayor Ed Magruder filed to run for his second term earlier this week. Magruder is an independent oil operator.

Retired Dr. Henrie Mast, current vice president of the board, also filed this week for his second run for the five-member board. Mast is a former hospital trustee and former chief of staff and chief of surgery at the hospital.

Thomas P. Ingram, vice president of Lone Star Abstract and Title, threw his hat into the ring in February for a second two-year term. Ingram is a 32-year Midland resident.

New to the hospital candidates is Wanda Mohr. Mrs. Mohr was the first to announce for one of the three at-large seats. Wife of cardiologist Dr. Brian Mohr, she is a registered nurse and a graduate student at The University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

Atlanta police searching for missing teenager

ATLANTA (AP) — Police in this city, where 19 black children have been killed, were searching today for a black teenager last seen Monday morning when he left his southwest Atlanta home, apparently headed for school, authorities said.

However, police spokesman Roger Harris said the disappearance of 16-year-old Joseph Bell had not been turned over to the special police task force investigating the 21 slayings and disappearances among black children since July 1979.

Bell was reported missing Tuesday night, Harris said, and was described as 5-foot-5, 120 pounds and wearing a

blue skull cap, green jacket, blue sweat shirt and brown jogging pants.

Meanwhile, the Atlanta Constitution reported today that experts have compared psychological test results from thousands of Atlanta police applicants with a preliminary profile of the city's child killer and have come up with the names of about 50 people who

could be mentally and emotionally capable of committing the crimes.

The newspaper said the 50 names have been turned over to the special task force and are believed to represent applicants who were rejected by the police force for

psychological reasons and could have a vendetta against the city as a result.

telephone calls last week but still has no suspects in any of the cases.

And Mayor Maynard Jackson announced that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will administer a special fund to aid the families of the missing and slain children.

In other developments Tuesday, a high ranking officer on the task force said the special investigative unit received 8,000

The officer, quoted in the Atlanta Journal, said the calls ranged from advice on how to conduct the investigation to predictions by self-pro-



Pope John Paul II kneels to embrace a young boy disguised as Spider Man. The youth was a part of a special audience of students from a local elementary school all clad in Mardi Gras costumes Tuesday at the Pope's summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, Italy. (AP Laserphoto)

Daniel agrees to waive all Fifth Amendment privileges

By SHARON HERBAUGH
Associated Press Writer

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) — The widow of Price Daniel Jr. — charged with murder in the slaying of the former Texas House speaker — has waived her Fifth Amendment privilege in a child custody fight as one condition for keeping the couple's two young sons until a jury can resolve the dispute.

The agreement reached during a six-hour meeting with visiting State District Judge Sam Emison Jr. allows Vickie Daniel, 33, to retain temporary custody of Franklin Baldwin Daniel, 3, and Marion Price IV, 1.

But to do so she must waive her Fifth Amendment privileges in a March 12 jury trial to determine final custody, undergo additional psychological tests and grant visitation rights to the boys' grandparents — former Texas Gov. and Mrs. Price Daniel Sr.

"She (Mrs. Daniel) will testify and answer all questions," said attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes, who instructed Mrs. Daniel to invoke the Fifth Amendment during a hearing on motions last week when asked if she shot her estranged husband in self-defense.

In a related matter, State District Judge Clarence Cain refused to hear a suit filed by Mrs. Daniel's first husband, Larry Moore of Dayton, for custody of their 12-year-old daughter Kimberly, who was at the Daniel's ranch home during the Jan. 19 fatal shooting.

Mrs. Daniel is free on \$50,000 bond on a charge that she intentionally killed Daniel, 39, a scion of one of Texas' most prominent political families.

Daniel's sister, Jean Daniel Murph

of Richardson, filed the custody suit contending her sister-in-law is an unfit mother and emotionally unstable.

"We would have preferred to go to trial today, but the judge decides and he ruled he would hear the trial on its merits March 12," said C.J. Zbranssek, a lawyer for Mrs. Murph.

Haynes said he pushed for the agreement to sidestep a scheduled temporary custody hearing Tuesday in favor of a jury trial, which would allow attorneys to appeal an unfavorable verdict.

"It really doesn't make much sense to have two giant hearings," said Haynes, who blasted the decision to hold the civil proceeding prior to Mrs. Daniel's murder trial.

Haynes said the custody case would give prosecutors "the full opportunity to look-see at the information presented for possible use in the criminal case."

Mrs. Daniel, who underwent a battery of court-ordered psychological tests in Houston on Feb. 24, will meet today with Dr. Fredrick Mears of Tyler.

After the session, Mrs. Daniel is required to give the boys to Mrs. Murph, who will take them to the Daniel ranch in Liberty where they will stay until 8 p.m. Saturday, said Richard Morrison, a lawyer for Mrs. Murph.

Emison, who presides over a domestic relations court in Houston, was assigned to the case after presiding State District Judge W.G. "Dub" Wood asked to be relieved.

Cain said he refused to hear the second custody hearing because of the publicity, his personal knowledge of the Daniels and Daniel's previous appearances in his court as a lawyer.

Eccleston, Long, take speech awards

Dave Eccleston and Scott Long took top honors at Tuesday's meeting of the Pop-Up Toastmasters.

Eccleston received the award for the best tall tale, while Long was given the award for the best serious speech. Most improved speaker was Bruce Lendrum, while Paul Heibert was the best oral evaluator.

Next Tuesday's meeting will feature runoffs in the tall tales and serious speech contests.

Pop-Up Toastmasters meet every Tuesday at 6:15 a.m. at Carrow's Restaurant.

For more information about the club, contact John D'Hooge at 684-7411 or 683-6823.



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The residence of such Executor is 303 West Wall Street, Midland, Texas 79702 Attention John A. Bates.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: February 26, 1981
By: John A. Bates, Vice President & Administration Manager, The First National Bank of Midland, Independent Executor.

LEGAL NOTICES
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Thence S. 15 degrees 25' E. a distance of 118 feet to a point for a corner.
Thence S. 74 degrees 25' W. a distance of 352 feet to the place of beginning and containing 0.954 acres of land, more or less.

A certified check or bank money order, issued by a bank satisfactory to the City, in the full amount of the total bid submitted, payable without recourse to the City of Midland, must accompany the bidder's proposal, as a guaranty that the bidder will accept a conveyance of said land from the City if he is successful. Bids without the required check or money order will not be considered.

Take notice that prior to issuance of a building permit, the successful bidder will be required to furnish the City's Inspection Division with a copy of an FAA Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation (on FAA form 7460-1) or any subsequent replacement form available in the City's Inspection Office), as described in a letter from the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, to Mr. Wilson H. Banks, Aviation Director, dated January 13, 1981, and on file for informational purposes in the office of the City Secretary in the City Hall.

The City of Midland will issue a Special Warranty Deed and the bidder must satisfy himself as to title and

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CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
J. W. McCullough, City Secretary
March 3, 1981

No parallel between El Salvador, Vietnam: Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following are excerpts from CBS News anchorman Walter Cronkite's interview with President Reagan, broadcast Tuesday night. The questions are paraphrased:

Q: With the U.S. providing military advisers to El Salvador, is there a parallel between this situation and our early commitment to Vietnam?

A: I know that that parallel (between Vietnam and El Salvador) is being drawn by many people. But the difference is so profound. What we are actually doing is at the request of a government, in one of our neighboring countries, helping, offering some help against the import or the export into the Western Hemisphere, of terrorism, of disruption, and it isn't just El Salvador. That happens to be the target at the moment. Our problem is, this whole hemisphere and keeping this sort of thing out.

You use the term military advisers. You know, there is sort of a technicality there. You could say they are advisers in that they are training. But when it is used as adviser, that means military men who go in and accompany the forces in the combat, advise them on strategy and tactics. We have no one of that kind. We're sending and have sent teams down there to train. They do not accompany them into combat. They train recruits in the garrison area. And, as a matter of fact, we have such training teams in more than 30 countries today.

Q: What is different from the U.S. helping El Salvador and the Russians, who were asked into Afghanistan by the government there, going there?

A: I don't think there can be a parallel. ... It was the Soviet Union that put their man as president of Afghanistan. And then their man didn't work out to their satisfaction. So they came in and got rid of him and brought another man that they had been training in Moscow and put him in as their president. And then, with their armed forces, they are trying to subdue the people of Afghanistan who do not want this pro-Soviet government that has been installed by an outside force.

The parallel would be that, without actually using Soviet troops, in effect, the Soviets are, you might say, trying to do the same thing in El Salvador that they did in Afghanistan, but by using proxy troops through Cuba and guerrillas. And they had hoped for an uprising of the people that would then give them some legitimacy and the government would be installed, the Communist government.

But the people didn't rise up. The people have evidenced their desire to have the government they have and not be ruled by these guerrillas.

Q: Is it an act of war to blockade Cuba to halt weapons from being sent to the Salvadoran leftists?

A: If you intercept them when they are landing at the other end or find them where they are in the locale, such as, for example, Nicaragua, and informing Nicaragua that we are aware of the part that they have played in this, using diplomacy to see that the country decides they are not going to allow themselves to be used anymore. There's been a great slowdown. ... This doesn't mean that they are not coming in from other guerrilla bases in other countries there.

Q: If the junta forces began to lose, are you pledging that we will not go in with fighting forces?

A: I certainly don't see any likelihood of us going in with fighting forces. I do see our continued work in the field of diplomacy with neighboring countries that are interested in Central America, South America to bring this violence to a halt and to make sure that we do not just sit passively by and let this hemisphere be invaded by outside forces.

Q: Some people feel your hard line toward the Soviet Union may have been overdone a little bit.

A: I'm aware that what I said received a great deal of news attention and I can't criticize the news media for that. I said it. But the thing that seems to have been ignored, two things. One, I did not volunteer that statement. This was not a statement that I went in and called a press conference and said, "Here, I want to say the following." I was asked a question and the question was what did I think were Soviet aims? Where did I think the Soviet Union was going? And I had made it clear to them — I said I don't have to offer my opinion.

They have told us where they are going, over and over again. They have told us that their goal is the Marxian philosophy of world revolution and the single one-world communist state and that they are dedicated to that.

And then I said we're naive if we don't recognize in their performance of that that they also have said that the only morality — remember their ideology is without God, without our idea of morality in the religious sense — their statement about morality is that nothing is immoral if it furthers their cause, which means they can resort to lying or stealing or cheating or even murder if it furthers their cause, and that is not immoral.

Q: What conditions would you need before you could have a summit meeting with Brezhnev?

A: Well, I think it is a case of, well, there are some things that I think would help bring that about. The main thing is, you don't just call up and say, yeah, let's get together and have lunch. A summit meeting of that kind takes a lot of preparation and the first preparation, from our standpoint, is the pledge that we have made to our allies that ... we won't take unilateral steps. We will only do things after full consultation with them because they are involved also.

"I think it would help bring about such a meeting if the Soviet Union revealed that it is willing to moderate its imperialism, its aggression. Afghanistan would be an example. We could talk a lot better if there was some indication that they truly wanted to be a member of the peace-loving nations of the world, the free world.

Q: Are you saying there won't be a summit?

A: No, I haven't put that as a hard and fast condition. I'm just saying that in discussing with our allies, it would make it a lot easier if we were able to say, "Well, now look, they've shown some signs ... of moderating their ... imperialistic course." You know, when we look at where they are and with their surrogates — Khadafi in Chad, Cuba in Angola, Cuba and East Germans in Ethiopia, in South Yemen. And of course, now the attempt here in our own Western Hemisphere ...

Q: You've delayed lifting the embargo on Soviet grain sales, despite your campaign promises. Should the embargo be extended to a general Soviet trade boycott?

A: Well, I don't think you run out anything. Actually my campaigning was more on my criticism that the embargo shouldn't have taken place the way it did in the first place, that if we were going to go that route, then it should have been a general embargo.

We shouldn't have asked just one segment of our society — and not even agriculture, just the grain farmers — to bear the burden of this when at the same time we knew we could not enforce or persuade friendly nations to us who would be tempted to take

over the market, and many of them did.

I would like to lift the embargo. I think all of us would. But at the same time now ... the situation in Poland to Afghanistan and all, we have to think very hard as to whether ... we can just go forward unilaterally and do this.

Q: What place should human rights have in our foreign policy?

A: I think human rights is very much a part of our American idealism. I think they do play an important part. My criticism of them the last few years was that we were selective with regard to human rights. We took countries that were pro-Western — that were maybe authoritarian in government but not totalitarian ... did not meet all of our principles of what constitutes human rights — and we punished them at the same time that we were claiming detente with countries ... where there are no civil or no human rights.

The Soviet Union is the greatest violator today of human rights in all the world. Cuba goes along with it. And yet previously, while we were enforcing human rights with others, we are talking about bettering relations with Castro's Cuba.

Q: In the face of growing opposition to your economic programs, are you still optimistic you can get the programs through Congress?

A: Yes, I expected that opposition. And one of the reasons I am optimistic is because we've received 100,000 letters and telegrams since I made the speech on the 18th. We so far have only been able to open and read and catalog about 5,339, I think the figure is. And of that first 5,000-plus messages, 92 and a fraction percent are totally in support of our program, of what we want to do. I know that polls have been taken, a national poll, recently, has shown an even higher percentage of people in support of the program.



President Ronald Reagan poses in the Oval Office of the White House Tuesday before his final interview with CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite. After nearly two decades with the CBS Evening News, Cronkite is scheduled to retire Friday. (AP Laserphoto)

Avalanche kills 50 in Iran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — More than 50 people are believed dead in an avalanche in Iran that buried a number of cars and trucks in the Alborz Mountains 100 miles north of Tehran, the official Iranian news agency Pars reported today.

It said nearly 50 survivors were pulled from the snow.

Pars said the snowslide occurred Tuesday night near the entrance to a tunnel on the road through the mountains from the Iranian capital to the Caspian Sea. Rescue teams worked through the night, digging for bodies and survivors.

Ford backs Reagan's economics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Ford says he supports the Reagan administration's economic recovery program, although he "wouldn't have drafted every word just the same."

Ford also said Tuesday that he approved of President Reagan's decision to send additional military aid and advisers to El Salvador, but urged him to "proceed with a little restraint right now" in his dealings with the Soviet Union.

Ford said his White House meeting Tuesday with the president "primarily focused on the economic picture in the United States."

Although agreeing with the basics of the administration's economic recovery plan, Ford said he would have made the last two years of Reagan's proposed three-year tax cut contingent on actual reductions in federal spending, thus holding "a carrot" in front of Congress to spur its budget-cutting efforts.

He said he assured Reagan that the American people supported the administration's proposals to solve "the horrendously desperate economic conditions that President Reagan inherited."

Ford was in Washington to discuss his upcoming round-the-world trip, a private venture during which he will present letters of greetings from Reagan to the leaders of Ireland, France, West Germany, China and Japan.

The trip, which begins Thursday, also will take Ford to six other nations on behalf of Charter Oil Co., for which he is a consultant. He said his dealings on behalf of Charter were "a private matter."

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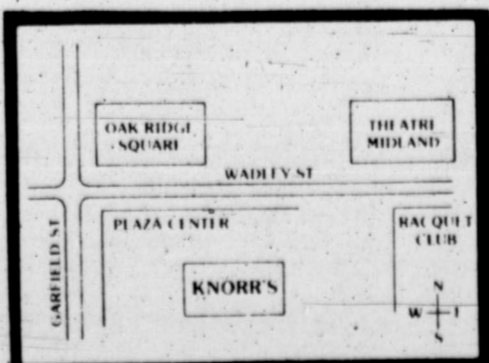
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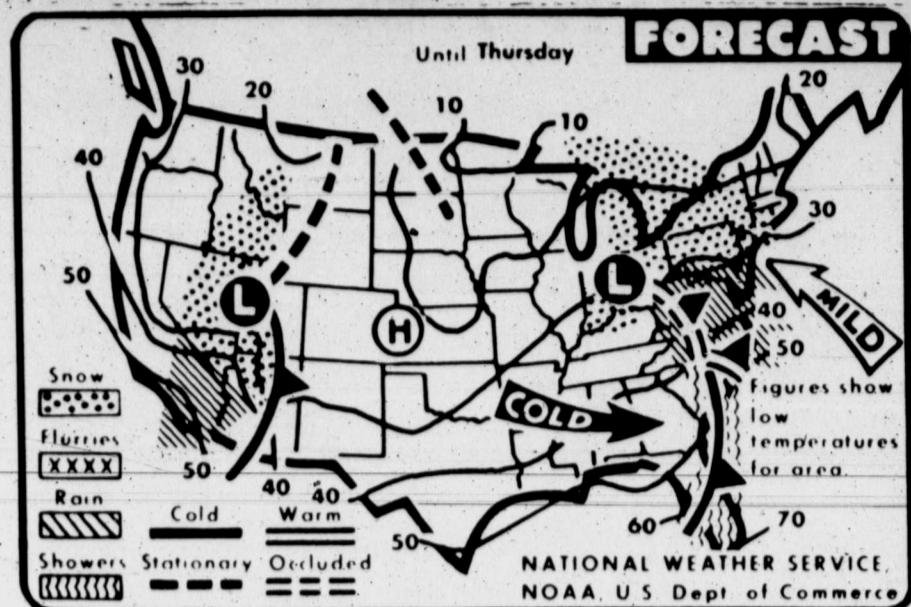
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Showers and rain are expected for the south and mid-Atlantic coast regions. Snow is expected from the Ohio Valley into the Great Lakes and Northeast. Rain and snow is expected for most of the Rocky Mountains area.

Midland statistics

Table with weather forecast details for Midland, including high/low temperatures and precipitation.

The weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities across the country, including Albany, Albuquerque, and Amarillo.

Texas temperatures

Table showing high, low, and precipitation for various Texas cities like Abilene, Amarillo, and Austin.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: High wind warning southwest mountains today. Partly cloudy and windy today with widely scattered showers mainly northern Panhandle.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Mostly cloudy east today with scattered light rain and a few thunderstorms. Low cloudiness and fog west decreasing this morning becoming partly cloudy this afternoon.

Dole defends president's policy on El Salvador

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican leader Howard Baker says America must not be so afraid of another Vietnam-type entanglement that it won't aid El Salvador or other countries against communist intervention.

Winds gusty

Despite boiling clouds that seemed ominous with the threat of rain, only a trace of precipitation was recorded by the National Weather Service Tuesday, leaving the 1981 total at 1.38 inches.

Gusty winds swept through the Tall City in mid-afternoon, sending dust swirling down city streets to lead many residents in a futile chase of hats.

Winds are expected to dissipate somewhat tonight, but construction workers might keep one hand on their safety helmets Thursday, as winds again will be gusty.

North Texas

Mostly cloudy east and partly cloudy west today, becoming windy this afternoon. Partly cloudy and cooler tonight. Fair and mild Thursday. Highs 66 northwest to 71 southeast. Lows 38 northwest to 46 southeast. Highs Thursday 68.

South Texas

Showers and thunderstorms, possibly severe extreme southeast Texas today. Partly cloudy and warm elsewhere today. Mostly clear tonight and Thursday, cooler tonight. Highs 79 northwest to mid-80s south. Lows 46 northwest to low 60s south.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor

Small craft advisory in effect. Winds, westerly 12 to 20 knots through tonight, becoming northwest near 15 Thursday. Seas 6 to 8 feet today and 5 to 8 tonight.

ride in this hemisphere."

Reagan's policy on El Salvador drew new opposition from Democrats on Tuesday, but no serious threat appeared to be developing in Congress to block either the 20 extra military advisers or \$25 million in new military aid.

No bill has been introduced to directly prohibit the advisers, and a bill by Rep. Gerry E. Studds, D-Mass., to prohibit any U.S. military aid to El Salvador has attracted just 53 co-sponsors.

"The honeymoon with Reagan is still on," said a Studds aide who asked not to be identified. "Members are reluctant to break up the honeymoon on this issue."

Opponents' best chance so far is to get a vote against \$5 million of the aid in a House appropriations subcommittee, but they say that vote would likely be overturned by the full committee.

The House and Senate Appropriations committees have 15 days to veto reprogramming of \$5 million from other aid programs for helicopters, patrol boats, radar and vehicles to El Salvador to stop infiltration.

Rep. Clarence Long, D-Md., chairman of the House foreign operations appropriations subcommittee, said he personally opposes the aid because "it runs the risk of getting us into another Vietnam."

White was taken initially to Medical Arts Hospital here and later transferred to a Lubbock hospital, although no condition report was available.

Other passengers injured were Marvin Kadley, 37, of Austin, and Jacke Tinney, 47, of Austin, each listed in satisfactory condition early today in Medical Arts.

Treated for minor cuts and bruises at Medical Arts Emergency Room were Bernard Ogiste, 33, of Austin; Bob Waters, 42, of Austin; Alfred Selvera, 32, of Elgin; Ernest Lewis, 29; Carlos Muniz; Carl Mensing, 48; and Octaro Martinez, 59.



It was a singles match, but Leslie Damoiseaux nevertheless had some help during her tennis match Tuesday afternoon. Leslie's doubles partner was her one-month-old Ihasa apso puppy, Babette.

Ad blitz planned to sell Reagan plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican congressional leaders are planning an unprecedented, multimillion-dollar television advertising blitz to help President Reagan sell his proposed budget and tax cuts.

An initial \$2 million for the commercials — expected to be aired beginning in May — was approved Tuesday by the National Republican Congressional Committee, which provides financial and technical help to GOP House candidates around the country.

The money, from private contributions, comes from the group's 1981 budget of \$21 million.

Rep. Guy Vander Jagt, R-Mich., the committee chairman, said he hoped the counterpart GOP panel in the Senate as well as the Republican National Committee each would put up an additional \$2 million toward the project.

It will be the first time a congressional political unit has waged a national advertising campaign to lobby for a specific piece of legislation, Vander Jagt acknowledged.

The commercials, which eventually also will be used to promote election of more Republicans to Congress in 1982, will be aimed initially at "building up public support for President Reagan's economic program," Vander Jagt said.

"There's tremendous public support out there," but the programs remains in grave danger of being gutted by the House unless this public sentiment can be tapped and channeled, he said.

The ads also will mesh with efforts by a White House-orchestrated citizens' campaign to push the program.

Vander Jagt said the TV ads will note that while Republicans now have a majority in the Senate, Democrats remain firmly in control of the House.

There are 242 Democrats, 191 Republicans and two vacancies in the House.

The margin is even wider — two Democrats for every Republican — on the Ways and Means and Rules committees which have jurisdiction

over the economic plan, and Vander Jagt said, "This is the little narrow passageway through which his (Reagan's) entire program has to pass."

Vander Jagt's committee was largely responsible for the "Vote Republican — For a Change" ads that ran on television last year, and he said the new series will be an attempt to keep the GOP's momentum.

The 1980 commercials included one in which an actor bearing an uncanny and deliberate resemblance to House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. grumbled as his large limousine ran out-of-gas on the highway.

That same actor — Ed Steffy of New York — may make an encore appearance in the new round of commercials.

"The actor is dusting off his shoes just in case," Vander Jagt said.

JUSTIN will acquire Nocona

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A family quarrel that lasted six months and wound up in court has finally been resolved, and the solution may make Justin Industries the largest bootmaker in the nation.

Justin and Nocona Boot Co., both run by members of the Justin family, announced agreement in principle for Justin, the nation's second-largest maker of western boots, to acquire all of Nocona, the third-largest boot company in the United States.

Under the agreement, the Nocona company will remain based in Nocona, Texas, and its products will stay the same, said Justin vice president Don Jury.

"We're acquiring Nocona to complement our current business," he said, adding that after the acquisition and the opening of an El Paso Justin factory, "we think we will be the largest quality bootmaker" in the United States.

Jury noted that Justin's boot sales jumped 55 percent last year over 1979, reflecting a continued popularity in western wear.

Last year, Nocona's sales were about \$20 million, while Justin had \$198 million in sales.

With the acquisition of Nocona, Justin will gain substantially on industry leader Tony Lama Co. of El Paso.

NEW COMMANDER SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Maj. Gen. Earl T. O'Loughlin has been named the new commander of the San Antonio Air Logistics Center at Kelly Air Force Base, the Air Force announced Tuesday.

O'Loughlin, deputy chief of staff for Maintenance at Air Force Logistics Command Headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, will succeed Maj. Gen. Lynwood E. Clark effective March 16 as the new commander at Kelly.

Clark, commander of the local unit since July 1977, has been nominated by the Secretary of Defense for promotion to the rank of lieutenant general, and is being reassigned as commander of the Alaskan Air Command, headquarters at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, the Air Force announced.

O'Loughlin has been at Wright-Patterson since December 1978, serving first as deputy chief of staff for contracting and manufacturing before assuming his present position in June 1979.

Much of his career has been in the Strategic Air Command and he flew combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Paso. Justin now ranks second in most boot categories, with Nocona often ranking third.

Justin's purchase of Nocona is tentative and depends on approval by company directors, stockholders and government agencies. The announcement noted that all litigation between the two companies will be settled by the acquisition.

The jousting for Nocona began July 10 when Miss Enid Justin, Nocona's head, signed an agreement with Justin Industries, run by her nephew, John H. Justin Jr., granting a one-year option to purchase Nocona for about \$4.5 million.

The 86-year-old Miss Justin later sought to cancel the option, alleging she was unaware of what she was signing. She and Joe Justin, another nephew and Nocona's manager, tried to block execution of the agreement.

Judge James Edward Wright eventually ordered Miss Justin to deposit with the court all Nocona stock she controlled and prohibited her from selling Nocona stock to any company but the Fort Worth-based Justin.

Justin said he expected the acquisition to take two or three months.

The agreement calls for Justin to issue 358,000 shares of stock in return for all outstanding Nocona stock. The purchase price comes to about \$7.34 million.

Miss Justin and her nephew argued in court last year that the \$4.5 million purchase price stipulated by the option she had signed was too low. Justin claimed the company was worth between \$10 million and \$12 million.

Miss Justin owns about a third of the stock and Justin owns about 5 percent, worth about \$370,000 under the agreement.

MOTORCYCLIST arrested after police chase, crash

A 20-year-old Midland motorcyclist was in the city jail today under bonds totaling \$1,020 following a chase last night that ended when the man ran into a cyclone fence on school district property in the 700 block of North N Street.

The man suffered numerous facial cuts in the accident and was treated at Midland Memorial Hospital before

Police, Fire Roundup

being locked up for 12 traffic violations. The violations ranged from having no driver's license to running numerous stop signs. Damage to the fence was estimated at \$100.

Numerous incidents, including jewelry, a watch, microwave oven and three TV sets, worth a total of \$3,165, were reported taken in a burglary of the Lawrence L. Fuller residence at 2828 Fannin.

The burglary occurred sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, police were told. Entry was gained by prying open a rear door of the house. Also taken were several blank checks from The First National Bank.

In a theft complaint, Terry Hastings of 100 W. Pine St. told officers Tuesday \$500 in cash was taken from his possession at the Affordable Inn,

3838 W. Wall St.

And in another burglary report, Alvin Selmon of 506 E. Cowden said a black and white TV set and assorted clothing were taken from his residence Tuesday.

City firemen battled two house fires in the past 24 hours, one of which did heavy damage to a two-room house at 408 E. Summit about 4:30 a.m. today. Cause of the blaze was unknown, and the occupant or owner also was undetermined.

The second fire occurred shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday in a residence owned by A.E. Kauffman at 3111 Humble. Slight damage was reported after drapes resting against some floodlights caught fire.

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DEATHS

Kenneth Holmes

Kenneth B. Holmes, 84, of 2800 W. Illinois Ave., Apt. C, died Monday morning in a Midland hospital. Services are pending at the Rains-Talley Funeral Home in Marshall. Local arrangements were handled by the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Holmes was born Sept. 20, 1896. He was the son of Edmund Meek Holmes and Carrie Merrill Page Holmes of Boone, Iowa. He received his education primarily in Des Moines and Indianola, Iowa. He graduated from Simpson College in Indianola in 1917. Holmes subsequently continued graduate studies at Iowa State University and the University of Nebraska.

From 1925 to 1933, Holmes lived in York, Neb., and was head of the Science Department at York High School, actively teaching elementary physics and chemistry classes.

In 1936, he moved to Kilgore and its surrounding area.

The balance of his life, before and after his teaching years, Holmes spent in connection with the petroleum industry. He worked for Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Company for 20 years. On his last location, he was a chief chemist of the Waskom Gasoline Plant of the Arkla Chemical Co. He retired Oct. 1, 1961.

He moved to Marshall in 1961 and to Midland in February 1973.

He married Lois Elizabeth Roberts June 16, 1923. She died May 27, 1972.

In his earlier life, Holmes had been active in several Masonic orders, the American Chemistry Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Mu Alpha. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion. He was a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth B. Holmes Jr. of New Brunswick, N.J., and John P. Holmes of Midland; a brother, Elmer M. Holmes of St. Louis, Mo.; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Cecil Coy Dales

SEAGRAVES — Services for Cecil Coy Dales, 64, of Seminole, father of Cecelia Gifford of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today at Seagraves First United Methodist Church with burial at Gaines County Memorial Park.

Dales was born March 4, 1916 in Lubbock County and was employed at Big Chief Oil Co. for 15 years and also farmed.

He married Faye Bell March 24, 1940, in Clovis, N.M., and moved to Seminole in 1976. He was a member of Seagraves United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include his wife, two brothers, four sisters and a granddaughter.

Ohio fugitive surrenders

CINCINNATI (AP) — Lawrence McNair, 35, charged with killing two executives of Diamond International Corp. after he was fired from his job with the company in suburban Lockland, turned himself in to police early today, authorities said.

McNair was accompanied by his attorney as he surrendered to Cincinnati police. He was transferred to Lockland police and then, following a brief questioning session during which he reportedly refused to talk to officers, was taken to the Hamilton County Jail, authorities said. No bond was set.

A Hamilton County grand jury indicted McNair Tuesday on two counts of aggravated murder and two counts of attempted aggravated murder. McNair is accused of fatally shooting John Pruitt, 49, and Raymond Leach, 49, and wounding two other Diamond International executives, Ralph Francis, 60, and William Geers, 45.

The shootings occurred Feb. 25 following a grievance hearing for McNair, a stationary engineer who had been fired from his job at Diamond International.

Elouise Scurlark

STANTON — Elouise Scurlark, 69, of Stanton, died Monday in a Big Spring hospital after a short illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Johnny Mitchell of Midland officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 6, 1911, in Madison County. She moved to Stanton 38 years ago from Crockett. She married John C. Scurlark June 4, 1968, at Midland. He died Jan. 31, 1977.

Survivors include two brothers, Tatum Harrison of Dallas and Marvin Harrison of Los Angeles, Calif.

Essie Inez Morris

Services for Essie Inez Morris, 59, of 606 N. Carrizo St. in Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today at the Elliot-Hamil Church of Faith in Abilene.

with the Rev. Marshall Stewart of Hamlin officiating. Burial was to be at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

Mrs. Morris died Monday in an Abilene hospital.

She was born March 21, 1920, in Broken Bow, Okla. She was employed with the Union Oil Co. in Midland as an accounting clerk.

Survivors include her mother, Ruth Smith of Merkel; two sons, Charles Morris of Abilene and William Morris of Dallas; three sisters, three brothers and six grandchildren.

Genevia Sanders

KERMIT — Services for Genevia Frances Sanders, 88, of Kermit, mother of Estelle Martin of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Cooper Funeral Home chapel with burial in Kermit Cemetery.

She died Monday in a Kermit hospital.

Mrs. Sanders was born Aug. 24, 1892, in Coryell County. She was a member of the Methodist Church and had lived in Winkler County 44 years.

Other survivors include three sons, a daughter, a sister, 20 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Jimmy Jay Loftin

Services for Jimmy Jay Loftin, 45, of 1701 E. Highway 80, were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Totten & Son Funeral Home chapel in Electra with the Rev. Joe Ainsworth of the First Baptist Church of Electra officiating.

Burial was to follow in Electra Memorial Park.

Loftin died early Monday. Local arrangements were handled by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

TCU student newspaper gets apology from coach

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Texas Christian University student newspaper Tuesday reported football coach F.A. Dry has apologized for a run-in with a former sports editor, but called for the coach to be reprimanded.

The Skiff story quoted a letter to the editor in which Dry said he wanted to end the "in-family confrontation" and apologized for "making derogatory remarks about the academic abilities of a student."

"We didn't run the letter because we would have had to edit it down to 200 words as is our policy for letters to the editor," said Skiff editor Chris Kelly.

"Also, we thought that it would be a bit juvenile for us to run the letter. It would look like we were gloating."

But the student editors were not placated by Dry's denial that he used athletic department computers to look up a former Skiff editor's grades as retribution for a negative column written at the height of recruiting season.

"What Coach Dry did, whether against the letter or the spirit of the law, violated a student's rights," Kelly said. "That just should not be tolerated."

Kelly and co-editor Keith Peterson said they wrote Dry to say they accepted his apology but added they are "concerned that the original point of contention remains unresolved."

The editors said they also wrote TCU Chancellor William Tucker, saying Dry should be reprimanded and that "any violation of TCU regulations developed in accordance with the act (Family Educational Rights and Privacy of 1968) not be tolerated."

The controversy developed last week after a conversation between current Skiff sports editor Ed Kamen and Dry.

Kamen said Dry told him he had used the athletic department computers to look up the grades of former sports editor Robert Howington as retribution for a "cheap-shot" column he had written.

Dry later denied the statement, although the grades he said Howington made were correct.

"How do you know one of his buddies didn't tell me?" Dry asked.

National businessmen inducted in Hall of Fame

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The 1981 Business Hall of Fame laureates were announced today by Richard Maxwell, president and chief executive officer of Junior Achievement Inc.

The seven men will be inducted officially here Thursday at The Business Hall of Fame banquet in The Sheraton Washington Hotel. Some 2,000 national leaders from business, government, the media, labor and education are expected to attend.

Midland's representatives at the meeting are Gary Petersen, president of Midland JA, and Jack Stone, principal at Midland High School.

The 1981 laureates include Donald T. Regan, Dr. Edwin H. Land, James Wilson Rouse, Pierre Samuel du Pont, Andrew William Mellon, Owen D. Young and Dr. Willis Haviland Carrier.

Regan is former chairman of Merrill Lynch & Company, Inc., and now U.S. Secretary of Treasury.

Land created "instant photography" and built the Polaroid Corp. of Cambridge, Mass.

Rouse of The Rouse Company of Columbia, Md., is a pioneer in community development, real estate and finance.

Du Pont took a primitive family-owned explosives business and turned it into a diversified Wilmington, Del., company known for its chemicals, synthetic fabrics, plastics and paints.

Mellon was instrumental in the founding of Alcoa, Gulf Oil, Carborundum and the construction firm that built the Panama Canal.

Young is the former president of General Electric, the organizer of the Radio Corporation of America and an innovator in labor relations and employee benefits.

Carrier, of Carrier Corporation, developed principles for air conditioning and is given credit for economic and social growth in the nation's sun belt.

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Funds may be sought for new weapon

Reagan may want to prepare for production

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is expected to ask Congress for money to prepare for possible production of a new nerve gas weapon, Pentagon sources say. Actual production would start only if President Reagan made a specific decision to do so.

The new administration's proposals to increase the defense budget for this fiscal year probably will include \$20 million to install production equipment at the Army's Pine Bluff, Ark., arsenal, the sources said.

The Carter administration's farewell defense budget contained no provision for preparations to begin manufacturing

binary chemical munitions. Congress voted \$3.1 million last year, but it was only to refurbish arsenal buildings.

Binary munitions consist of two chemical components that Army experts say are harmless when separate, but which form a lethal nerve agent when mixed.

The mixing occurs only after the shell is fired and separate canisters containing the chemicals rupture during flight toward the target, the experts say.

The Army has been pressing for years for permission to move into production of binary nerve agent weapons, citing intelligence reports of major Soviet preparations to use deadly chemicals in event of war.

According to the Army, the United States "has only a marginal capability to retaliate in kind to enemy first use of lethal chemical weapons." It says the U.S. stockpile of serviceable chemical weapons is decreasing because of aging

and obsolescence "and will be unusable by the late 1980s unless improvements are made."

The \$20 million earmarked in the Reagan administration's proposed budget increases, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press, would be used for facilities to produce one of the two binary agents and load it into 155-millimeter shells.

The agent which would be manufactured at Pine Bluff is known as DF. The other, identified as DC, is an alcohol compound which the Army said can be readily bought from industrial sources.

"Thus, only an incomplete munition will be produced at Pine Bluff arsenal," the Army said. It added that the canisters containing the second chemical compound will be stored at a different site, shipped separately "and will not be mated with the munition until it is loaded at the gun site."

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Hijackers free women, children

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Eighteen women and nine children were freed today from a Pakistani jetliner hijacked to Kabul, Afghanistan, and efforts were underway to secure the release of the 12 passengers and crew still aboard, the Pakistani government said.

However, a government spokesman in Islamabad said Kabul authorities refused landing permission for a Pakistani plane sent to pick up the women and children. He did not give an explanation.

One of those freed was believed to be an American, Deborah Leighton

Weisner, 33, of Auburn, Maine, whose family reported she had not arrived in Peshawar, Pakistan with her fiancé, a Pakistani national who is a deputy sheriff in Auburn. But there was no immediate confirmation.

The release came after Pakistan gave in to one of the hijacker's demands and broadcast his statement that he was not a member of the banned People's Party of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

The broadcast also identified the group the hijacker belonged to as the Alam-e-Zulfikar Organization, which

Western sources said was founded in London by Pakistani supporters of Bhutto's son, Murtaga.

The Boeing 720 was diverted to while on a flight Monday from Karachi to Peshawar in northern Pakistan with 148 persons aboard. Reliable sources said the hijacker threatened to blow up the aircraft but set a vague deadline for his demands to be met.

The hijacker said he was Mohammad Alamgir, that he had two accomplices aboard the Pakistan International Airlines jetliner, and that they wanted to fly to Iran.

Alamgir said he belonged to a humanitarian organization and offered to free the women and children if the Pakistani government took back statements that he was a terrorist and a member of Bhutto's People's Party.

Pakistani officials had said Alamgir sought the release of some 70 members of the People's Party, including his father and brother, who

were arrested during recent political disturbances in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city.

Afghan authorities at first refused, then permitted a three-man Pakistani negotiating team to establish direct contact with the aircraft. Diplomatic sources suggested the initial difficulty resulted from Pakistan's refusal to recognize the Soviet-installed regime of President Babrak Karmal.

"As far as the Afghans are concerned, it suits them quite well to have the Pakistanis embarrassed," a West European diplomat said. "In effect, Kabul is saying, 'it would be much easier if you had diplomatic relations, wouldn't it?'"

Bilateral relations have been strained since the 1979 Soviet intervention, in Afghanistan which Pakistan has repeatedly condemned. Afghanistan and the Soviet Union have frequently accused Pakistan of supplying and training the anti-communist rebels in Afghanistan.

Islamic peace commission in Tehran for more talks

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — An Islamic peace commission engaged in shuttle diplomacy to try to end the Iran-Iraq war returned to Tehran today for more talks with Iranian leaders.

Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure, head of the blue-ribbon panel, said the group has "specific, tangible proposals" to halt the 2 1/2-month-old war at the northern end of the Persian Gulf, but would not say what the proposals were.

"Our mission is complicated, critical and difficult," Toure told the official Saudi Press Agency before the nine-man commission left Jidda, Saudi Arabia, for its second flight to Tehran in five days. He said the mediators were determined to carry on "no matter what, and how long, it takes."

The Iranian news agency Pars said President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr met the commission, sponsored by the 42-nation Islamic Conference, at Tehran's Mehrabad airport and accompanied them to a meeting with Iran's Supreme Defense Council. The peacemakers are to fly Thursday to

Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

After the commission's first round of talks with Iranian and Iraqi leaders Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the members flew to Jidda to assess the results.

There was no sign of a breakthrough. Iran insists on unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from some 8,000 square miles of Iran's oil-rich Khuzistan Province before it will agree to a cease-fire and international arbitration of the dispute. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein told the commission Monday he would agree to a cease-fire in place if Iran would agree to negotiate Iraq's territorial and offshore claims.

The fighting between Arab Iraq and Persian Iran — both Moslem countries and members of the Islamic Conference — has apparently stalemated, stalled in part by snow in the Zagros mountains at the northern end of the 300-mile front and by rain in the southern marshland of Khuzistan.

Iraq launched the war in September, with a primary goal of establishing full sovereignty over the Shatt al-Arab, its only waterway to the Persian Gulf.

Former foreign minister Motei of South Yemen executed

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Mohammed Saleh Motei, former foreign minister of pro-Soviet South Yemen, has been executed in Aden after being found guilty of "financial dealings" with conservative Saudi Arabia, the Beirut leftist newspaper As-Safir reported today.

The South Yemeni Embassy in Beirut declined to comment on the report.

As-Safir quoted Arab diplomatic sources as saying South Yemen, the only Marxist-led nation in the oil-rich Arabian peninsula, circulated news of the execution to the ruling Yemen Socialist Party without making

ing a public announcement.

Motei, 44, lost his cabinet post in a power struggle with President Ali Nasser Mohammed last year. As-Safir said a special court was formed last month to try Motei on charges of "establishing contact and financial dealings with Saudi Arabia."

During his imprisonment, As-Safir said, Motei asked that he be deported to Ethiopia, the Soviet Union's closest ally in the Horn of Africa with which South Yemen maintains close ties. But he was told the Ethiopians turned down his request for political asylum, the paper added.

Basque right-wing activists accused on murdering separatist sympathizer

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Three activists of the extreme right-wing Spanish Basque Battalion were arrested in the northern city of San Sebastian early today and charged with the murder of Basque separatist sympathizer Francisco Javier Ansa, police announced.

Interior Ministry sources said one of the three confessed to shooting Ansa as he waited at a bus stop Tuesday. The sources said the suspects were suspected of six other murders of separatist sympathizers in recent months.

The arrests came nine days after an abortive military coup by rightists, and were the first in nearly a year of suspects in the campaign waged by rightists against Basques suspected

of supporting the terrorists of the Basque separatist movement ETA.

Last year, the Spanish Basque Battalion claimed 16 of the 126 political killings reported in Spain.

Palestinian teachers seek higher salaries

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian teachers from the occupied West Bank of the Jordan demonstrated peacefully today at the holy Temple Mount to demand higher salaries.

The West Bank military government set up roadblocks through the occupied area to block teachers from reaching Jerusalem.

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Eight completions reported in Crockett

Blue Ridge Oil and Gas Exploration, Inc., of Detroit has reported eight completions in Crockett County.

No. 65 A. Phillips, 26 miles south of Ozona, 1,265 feet from north and west lines of the west half of section 36, block OOO, Mrs. E. Reese survey, was finished for absolute open flow of 5,500,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations at 5,416 feet to 5,618 feet. Perforations were acidized with 2,000 gallons and fractured with 60,000 gallons and 160,000 pounds of sand.

No. 61 A. Phillips 26 miles south of Ozona was finished for a calculated,

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absolute open flow of 5,200,000 cubic feet of gas daily. Perforations are at 5,420 feet to 5,665 feet, acidized with 2,000 gallons and fractured with 60,000 gallons and 160,000 pounds of sand.

The project is one mile west of production, and 757 feet from the south and 7,967 feet from the east lines of section 26, block XX, W.R. McRae survey, abstract 4507.

No. 64 A. Phillips, is 1 1/4 miles north of production and 1,062 feet from south and 10,391 feet from east lines of section 26, block XX, W.R. McRae survey, abstract 4507.

The project was finished for a calculated absolute open flow of 3,180,000 cubic feet of gas daily, through perforations at 5,406 to 5,772 feet, which had been acidized with 2,000 gallons and fractured with 60,000 gallons and 160,000 pounds. The project is 26 miles south of Ozona.

No. 8 A Adams, 1/2 miles west of production, was finished for a calculated absolute open flow of 2,400,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations at 4,741 to 4,908 feet. The project was acidized with 1,000 gallons and fractured with 148,000 gallons and 148,000 pounds.

Location is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 154, block O, GH&SA survey, 27 miles south of Ozona.

No. 7 Adams has been completed, testing a calculated absolute open flow of 3,800,000 cubic feet of gas daily, through perforations at 4,840 to 5,043 feet.

The well had been acidized with 1,000 gallons and fractured with 60,000 gallons and 148,000 pounds.

Location is 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 154, block O, GH&SA survey, 27 miles south of Ozona.

Completion of No. 12 Adams, 5/8 of a mile from production, with a calculated absolute open flow of 4,800,000 cubic feet daily, through perforations at 4,416 to 4,617 feet, has been reported. The well was acidized with 1,000 gallons and fractured with 60,000 gallons and 160,000 pounds.

Location is 1,540 feet from south and 1,320 feet from west lines of section 114, block O, GH&SA survey.

No. 9 Adams, 5/8 of a mile northwest of production, was finished for calculated absolute open flow of 2,225,000 cubic feet per day. Perforations were from 4,521 to 4,766 feet, acidized with 1,000 gallons and fractured with 60,000 gallons and 160,000 pounds.

Location is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of survey section 127, block O, GH&SA survey.

No. 11 Adams, located 3/4 miles northwest of production, was finished for calculated absolute open flow of 2,600,000 cubic feet per day, through perforations at 4,503 to 4,760 feet. Perforations were acidized with 1,000 gallons and fractured with 60,000 gallons and 160,000 pounds.

Location is 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 114, block O, GH&SA survey.

FISHER COUNTY
Stroube Exploration, Inc., of Abilene, No. 3 Fields "A" has been completed to flow 192 barrels of 39 gravity oil, and 60 barrels of water. Production is through a 16/64 inch choke, with perforations at 4,156 to 4,237 feet, acidized with 1,000 gallons and fractured with 750 barrels of water and 320 sacks of sand.

Total depth is 4,840 feet, with 4 1/2 inch casing set at 4,828, the well is plugged back to 4,330 feet.

Location (amended) is 2,413 feet from the north and 467 feet from the

west lines of section 1, block K, T&P survey.

The Townsend Co. No. 1-B Kemp was completed to flow nine barrels of 40 gravity oil, with a gas-oil ration of 5,295-1. Production was through perforations at 4,720 to 4,750 feet, acidized with 1,200 gallons and fractured with 21,000 gallons and 26,500 pounds.

The well is a northwest offset to the Kemp (Canyon and Fry) field and is the second producer in the pay. It is located 1,533 feet from the north and 3,830 feet from the eastlines of section 21, block 2, H&TC survey, three miles west of Roby.

IRION COUNTY
Texas Oil and Gas Co. Midland has reported two completions, one in Canyon D and the other in the Dove Creek multipay.

No. 5 Jones "K" was completed for 200 barrels of 42 gravity oil, with 10 barrels of water and a gas-oil ration of 2,500-1. Production was through a 3/8 inch choke with perforations at

6,365 to 6,466. The well was acidized with 5,000 gallons and fractured with 50,000 gallons and 75,000 pounds.

Total depth is 6,600 feet with 4 1/2 inch casing at 6,594 feet, plugged back to 6,520 feet.

Location is 1,650 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 24, block 20, H&TC survey. Ground elevation is 2,270 feet.

No. 1 Winterbotham "J" finished for a calculated absolute open flow of 13,500,000 cubic feet of gas per day. The gas-liquid ratio was 160,357-1, with condensate gravity of 70.5 degrees.

Production was through perforations at 5,739 to 6,339 feet, acidized with 4,000 gallons and fractured with 70,000 gallons and 124,000 pounds.

The location of the well is 660 feet from the most westerly westline and 660 feet from the most northerly north line of section 1, CPI&M survey. Ground elevation is 2,248 feet. The project is 12 miles southeast of Mertzon in the multipay Dove Creek area.

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ANDREWS COUNTY
Exxon Corp. No. 1 State University "EH", id 5,125 feet, preparing to log.

BORDEN COUNTY
Robert E. Landrith No. 1 Daugherty, drilling at 6,883 feet in lime.

CULBERSON COUNTY
Exxon Corp. No. 1 Delaware River Corp., drilling at 7,825 feet.

ECTOR COUNTY
Jack N Blair No. 1 Vest Ranch, drilling at 10,500 feet in lime.

EDDY COUNTY
Exxon Corp. No. 1 Crooked Canyon Federal "B", preparing to swab through perforations at 5,524, 5,810 and 6,095-6,107 feet, acid not reported.

Exxon Corp. No. 1 Ryan, drilling at 8,770 feet.

GARZA COUNTY
Joe Melton Drilling Co. Inc., No. 1 Klaus, id 9,366 feet, plugged and abandoned.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
Adams Exploration Co. No. 1 Currie, preparing for fracture treatment.

HOWARD COUNTY
Exxon Production Co. No. 1 Ray, drilling at 9,396 feet in lime and shale.

Exxon Corp. No. 1 Harvey L. Adams, drilling at 7,310 feet.

IRION COUNTY
Meadco Properties No. 1-10 E. Sugg, id 7,500 feet, waiting on completion; 4 1/2 inch casing.

Meadco Properties No. 3-11 E. Sugg, drilling at 1,825 feet; 8 1/2 inch casing at 950 feet.

Sanchez-O'Brien Oil & Gas No. 1-100 Ela Sugg, drilling at 2,210 in lime and shale.

Sanchez-O'Brien Oil & Gas No. 1-136 TSHH, building location.

KENT COUNTY
Sanchez-O'Brien Oil & Gas Minerals Corp. No. 1 Howard Z. Taylor, re-building well pad due to rain.

LEA COUNTY
BTA No. 1 (8006 JV-P) Antelope, drilling at 12,616 feet in lime and shale.

Enserch Exploration Inc. No. 1 T.G. Buzg (Can oil), still shut in for pressure build up.

Same No. 1-25 Akcer 8,000, drilling at 6,635 feet.

LOVING COUNTY
Border Exploration Co. No. 1 Johnson TXL Unit 1, id 15,658 feet; F/2.5 MCMCFD, 80 barrels of water per hour.

HCW Exploration No. 1 Rendon State, drilling at 7,658 feet in sand, shale and lime.

PECOS COUNTY
Adams Exploration Co. No. 1 McIntyre, cleaning out at 10,821 feet.

Exxon Corp. No. 1 M. McComb Gas Unit, drilling at 24,711 feet.

Exxon Corp. No. 1 Cecil C. Mitchell, drilling at 12,907 feet.

REEVES COUNTY
Jack N Blair No. 1 Campbell Estate, drilling at 11,400 feet in sand and shale.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY
Energy Reserves No. 1 Miller, drilling at 8,800 feet in shale.

Enserch Exploration Inc. No. 11 Lambirth, drilling at 2,275 in red bed; ran 9 1/2 inch casing at 1,906 feet.

Marathon Oil Co. No. 3 J.W. Gris-

Enserch Exploration No. 1 Radcliff, drilling at 6,654 feet in shale and lime.

TERRY COUNTY
Exxon Corp. No. 1 Harold R. Coons, pumped trace of oil and 132 barrels of water in 24 hours through perforations.

UPTON COUNTY
Exxon Corp. No. 9 Giddings Estate, drilling at 10,422 feet.

WARD COUNTY
Adobe Oil & Gas Corp. No. 1 Leibig, preparing to perforate an additional zone.

Energy Reserves Group No. 1 East Vermejo, id 17,950 feet and washing.

FIELD TESTS

EDDY COUNTY
Anadarko Production Co. No. 1 Glass, Boyd (Morrow), id 9,394, flowing 15 mcf on 1/2 inch choke.

Perry R. Bass No. 83 Big Eddy Unit, Sand Point (Morrow), drilling at 7,195 feet in Bone Springs.

Cities Service No. 1 Swearingin Comm., "A", drilling 410 in salt and anhydrite.

Marathon Oil Co. No. 2 Federal Gas Comm. "BD", id 7,900 feet, perf 7,162-7,214 upper Penn., flowed 610 mcf, 220 bw, 3 bc, 21/64 ch, 24 hr.

BORDEN COUNTY
Brasos Petroleum Co. No. 1 Shannon Estate, Noeke, SE (Quaz oil), id 2,225 feet, 4 1/2 inch casing.

GAINES COUNTY
Exxon No. 4 Sam Jenkins "B", Jenkins (San Andres), id 4,970 feet, pumped 2 bo, 45 bw in 24 hrs.

GARZA COUNTY
Petroleum Exploration & Development Funds, Inc., Clavene, acidized perfs with 3,000 gallons, shut in, no gauge.

McFarling & Scobey, Inc. No. 1 Sterling Cattle Co. Corral (2000 oil), id 2,990, acidized perfs at 2,882 to 2,901 with 4000 gals, pumping load.

HOCKLEY COUNTY
Petroleum Exploration & Development Funds, Inc., Clavene, acidized perfs with 3,000 gallons, shut in, no gauge.

McFarling & Scobey, Inc. No. 1 Sterling Cattle Co. Corral (2000 oil), id 2,990, acidized perfs at 2,882 to 2,901 with 4000 gals, pumping load.

IRION COUNTY
Meadco Properties No. 1-17 UT, Ella Sugg (Can oil), still shut in for pressure build up.

Same No. 1-25 Akcer 8,000, drilling at 6,635 feet.

KENT COUNTY
KCM Co. No. 1 Self, Kent (Strawn), spudded 12-31-80, id 6,170, plugged and abandoned 1-16-81.

LEA COUNTY
Perry R. Bass No. 1 C.A. Lumas, undesignated, going back in, installed blow-out prevention equipment.

Bass Enterprises Production Co. No. 3 Monteith, Lovington, NE (Strawn), drilling at 4,360 feet in Yates formation.

Anadarko Production Co. No. 1 June Speight, Hobbs, E. (Blinley & San Andres), pumped 160 barrels load water at 6,531 feet.

Cotton Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Scharbauer Estate, Spencer (San Andres), perforated San Andres 4, 975-7,949, prepared to acidize.

Estoril Producing Corp. No. 1 Curry-Steate, Antelope Ridge (Morrow), id 13,047 feet, waiting on completion.

Marathon Oil Co. No. 3 J.W. Gris-

zeli: Brunson (Fusselman), drilling at 6,303 feet in lime and dolomite.

Same No. 34 McDonald State, undesignated, id 6,750 feet, perforated Drinkard at 6045-6065 feet, acidized with 2,500 gal., frac 45,000 lbs. 000# swabbed, recovered load, testing on pump, pumped 30 bo, 33 bw, 65 mcf in 24 hrs.

William N. Beach No. 1 Pennoil-Federal Comm.: Quail Ridge (Morrow gas); still waiting on completion unit.

LOVING COUNTY
Exxon No. 1 C.G. Ludeman "B", Linebery (Silurian), drilling at 10,240 feet.

PECOS COUNTY
BTA Oil Producers No. 2 (8004 JV-P), Grande, Pecos Grande Ellenburger gas; id 10,500 feet.

Exxon No. 1 H. H. Palmer Cayano-sa (Desaware sand); id 5,100 feet, waiting on completion.

Same No. 721 Ft. Stockton Unit: Ft. Stockton (Yates); id 3,322 feet, waiting on completion.

REAGAN COUNTY
Cities Service Co. No. 1 University "CE", Gunnx (Strawn oil), drilling 8,544 in sand.

REEVES COUNTY
William N. Beach No. 3 Livemore Livemore (Delaware); id 3,802, waiting on completion unit.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY
Enserch Exploration, Inc. No. 2 Peri Jordan, undesignated, id 8,170 feet, moving in completion unit.

SCHLEICHER COUNTY
Exxon No. 10 Pearl Williams, Do-vercreek multipay; id 7,430 feet, acidized with 2,500 gals at perfs of 6, 602-6,700 feet.

STERLING COUNTY
Anadarko Production Co. No. 1-A Sallie Fox "D", Sallie (Cisco and Wichita-Albany); id 6,615 feet, still shut in.

UPTON COUNTY
Sun Texas No. 1 Damron "D", Heluma, Southeast (Devonian); id 9,302 feet, pb. 7,966 feet, waiting on cement.

WARD COUNTY
Adobe Oil No. 1-26 Barstow-Scott (Cherry Canyon), drilling 2,463 feet in anhydrite.

Adobe No. 1-32, Barstow-Scott (Cherry Canyon), id 6,271 feet, recovering load, through perforations at 6,192-6,208 feet; treatment not reported.

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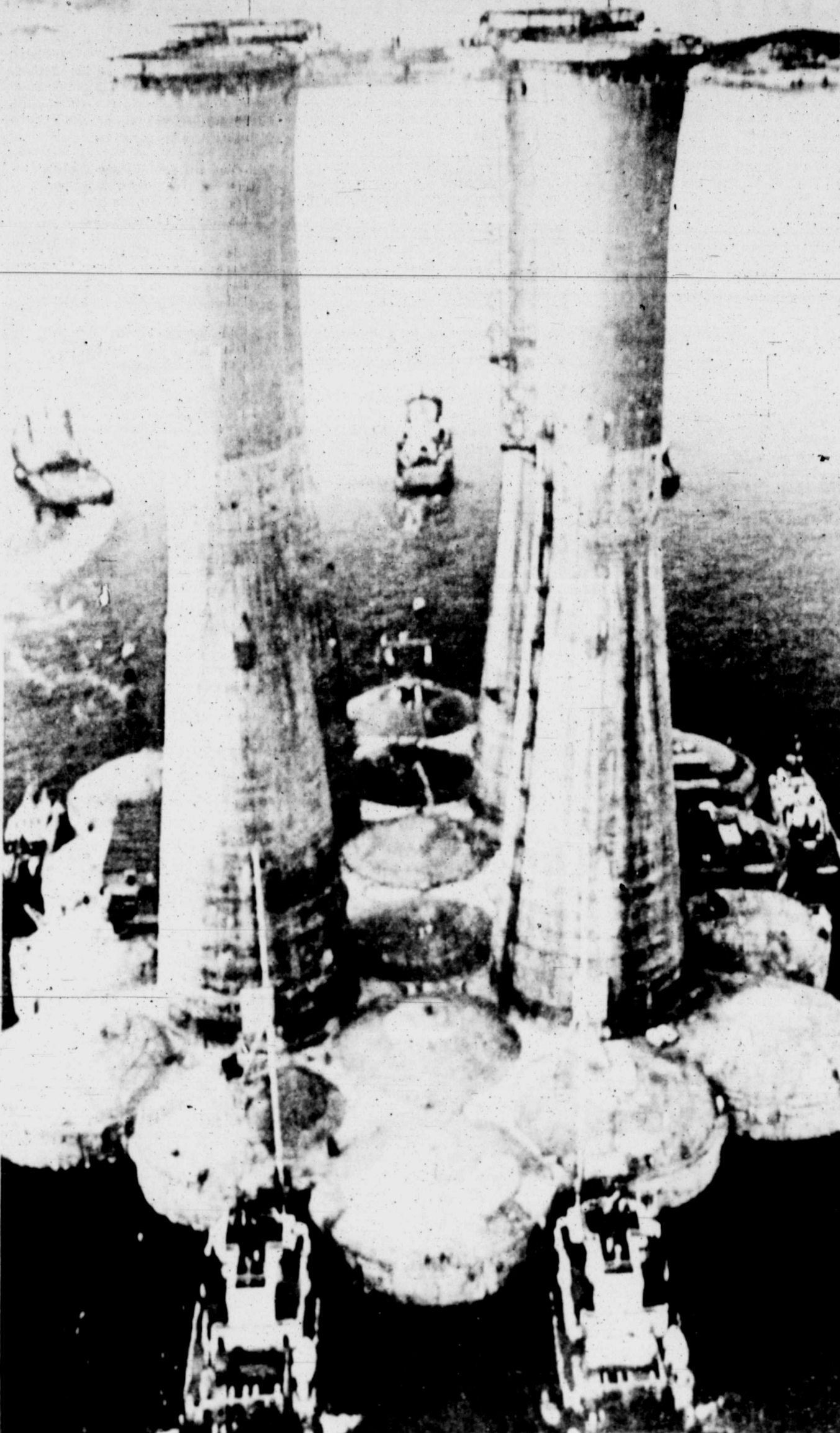
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A 657,000-ton concrete structure was towed recently from Stavanger for the Norwegian Statfjord B offshore oil platform. When fully completed with a steel deck attached on the top of the 585-foot base,

the offshore platform will be about 895-feet tall from top to bottom and will weigh 816,000 displacement tons, the biggest in the world of its kind. (AP Laserphoto)

Alberta cuts oil production; protests Ottawa's tax policy

OTTAWA (AP) — Canada imposed an additional tax of about two cents a gallon on all oil products Monday because of production cutbacks by Alberta, Energy Minister Marc Lalonde announced in the House of Commons.

He said the action by the federal government was necessary because of Alberta's "regrettable" decision Sunday to reduce production immediately by 100,000 barrels a day. Over the next three months the reduction is expected to average 60,000 barrels a day.

Tucker Drilling completes well

Tucker Drilling Co. No. 1 Pfluger "A" has been completed to pump 27.3 barrels of 33.3 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ration of 581-1. Production was through perforations at 2,912 to 2,925 feet, acidized with 1,500 gallons and fractured with 24,000 gallons and 35,000 pounds.

Total depth is 3,150 feet with 4 1/2 inch casing set at 3,128.

Location is 2,280 feet from south and 2,173 feet from east lines of F.Rau survey No. 8 and 1/2 mile south of an undesignated lower Straun discovery. It is also 7/8 of a mile southwest of the lone well in the Celery (Straun B) field.

NOLAN COUNTY

The third producer in the Vogan (Straun reef) field as Aminoil USA, Inc. has completed No. 1 Redway, to pump 118 barrels of 39.6 gravity oil, with 300 barrel of water. Gas-oil ratio is 305-1.

Production was through perforations at 6,649 to 6,683 feet, washed with 1,500 gallons.

The project is two miles northwest of Roscoe, which has two wells in the same field. Location is 467 feet from north and 1,860 feet from west lines of section 33, block 23, T&P survey.

He added that the tax could be increased if Alberta fulfills threats to cut production even more later in the year.

Western Alberta Province has a capacity of 1.2 million barrels a day and produces about 90 percent of Canada's domestic oil supply. Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed had warned of the cutback last October in response to the federal government's energy pricing and tax policies.

The budget presented at that time by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's Liberal Party government would nearly double oil prices by 1983. Under the new formula, out of each \$1-per-barrel increase, Alberta's share would drop from 45 to 43 cents and the federal government's share would go from 10 to 24 cents. The remainder would go to the oil companies, most of which are American owned.

Lalonde said the increased tax would amount to half a Canadian cent a liter, or about 75 Canadian cents a barrel. A liter is slightly larger than a quart and the Canadian dollar is worth about 83 U.S. cents.

Lalonde told reporters the new levy would be rescinded if Alberta resumed normal production, but might be increased if the province carried out its threat to cut production an additional 60,000 barrels a day in June and another 60,000 barrels a day starting in September.

In that case, the levy could increase to as much as 1.5 cents a liter by September, he said.

Some legislators immediately accused the Liberals of breaking their promise to keep oil-price increases this year to \$4.50 per barrel. The tax hike puts the total at \$5.25 so far. John Crosbie, finance minister in the former Progressive Conservative government, said in an interview there was no immediate need for the levy because the effects of Alberta's cuts "are weeks and months away."

Lalonde, in a document distributed in Parliament, said the government would consider applications for special compensation from eastern refiners forced to pay extra to obtain

foreign supplies to replace Alberta oil.

It said that because of the Alberta cuts, it will cost almost \$1.5 million a day to subsidize eastern refiners for the difference between the price of domestic and imported oil so the cost of fuel will be uniform throughout the country.

Imported oil costs about \$43 a barrel, double the cost of domestic crude.

In Edmonton, Alberta Energy Minister Merv Leitch said his province was making oil available at "fire-sale" prices while the levy would be going to pay for foreign oil purchased at twice the price.

"I find it pretty difficult to understand how consumers can say this is Alberta's fault," he said.

Several legislators urged that



Jack Svahn, designated by President Reagan to be the next Social Security commissioner, talks with reporters in Washington Tuesday. (AP Laserphoto)

Social Security problems foreseen

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WASHINGTON (AP) — John A. Svahn, tabbed to be the youngest commissioner of Social Security in the nation's history, says the \$138 billion program faces significant management problems as well as its major fiscal woes.

The White House announced Monday that President Reagan had chosen Svahn to run Social Security. The 37-year-old management expert is a former state and federal welfare official who was one of the key architects of Reagan's welfare reforms in California 10 years ago.

In another major appointment announced Tuesday, Reagan picked J. Lynn Helms, retired chairman and former president of the Piper Aircraft Corp., to head the Federal Aviation Administration. Helms has flown more than 10,000 hours as a pilot and logs nearly 350 hours' flight time a year, a White House statement said.

Svahn served on the Reagan transition team for Social Security and headed a special team that examined what Svahn calls the program's "antiquated" computer systems.

He warned that the system could be in danger of a breakdown when the agency begins a two-year move into a new computer building at its head-

quarters at Woodlawn, outside Baltimore, this summer.

"It's a 1960s computer system trying to operate two generations removed. It's antiquated and it's been patched together over the years," Svahn said in an interview Monday. In moving the machinery "you run a real risk of having the thing slow down."

Svahn says he is "a strong believer in the Social Security system," but he called the fiscal problems it faces over the next few years and after the turn of the century "one of the most critical problems facing the country."

"Contrary to what the previous administration said, the financial problems are real," he said. "The management problems of that agency are significant as well."

Svahn believes some of the financial trouble stems from "a lot of the things that have been hung onto Social Security with inadequate tax support. You can't expect to keep adding and adding and adding and not pay for it."

"We have to make Social Security a strong and viable system," he said. "If I have any opportunity, I'd like to make sure it is there for future generations, mine and others, when it comes our turn to retire."

If approved by the Senate for the

\$52,760 job, Svahn will be the ninth commissioner and the first born after Social Security was started in 1935. The program began sending out benefit checks in 1940 and now largely supports nearly 36 million retired or disabled workers and their families.

Svahn worked with Robert Carleson and Ron Zumbun to devise the blueprint for Reagan's welfare reforms in

California in 1971. All three had been in the state's public works department when then-Gov. Reagan decided he wanted someone from outside the ring of welfare experts to take a crack at reforming the program.

Svahn served as deputy director and then director of the state's Department of Social Welfare from 1971 to 1973.

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Hendrie set to change NRC

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The sign Joseph M. Hendrie kept at his home for the past 15 months is back above his office door, and its return could change the way the nation licenses nuclear power plants.

Back in power 15 months after being ousted as chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Hendrie says he's eager to end complaints that NRC procrastination is delaying the opening of nuclear plants after they're built and ready to go.

"We want to make decisions the day before they're ready to load fuel," Hendrie said Tuesday in an interview.

"That is not the case now. For some plants, it is months after they're 'loaded' with nuclear fuel before the commission is ready to consider awarding an operating license."

Some critics claim the delay is costing billions of dollars in higher utility bills at a time of increasing energy costs. Others say the NRC should license no nuclear plants because the risk of accident is too great.

The debate has been going on since the accident at the Three Mile Island power plant — the worst in the history of commercial nuclear power — nearly two years ago.

The near meltdown at TMI raised serious questions about nuclear safety, vastly multiplied objections to individual plants and — after a presidential commission criticized the NRC — resulted in Hendrie's ouster as chairman by then-President Carter.

But Tuesday, what with complaints by Congress about delays and an "interim" appointment by President Reagan, the sign was back above Hendrie's office door: "Chairman, Joseph M. Hendrie."

And where had the sign been? "Oh, I had it over my desk at home," Hendrie replied, smiling.

But he is not, he added, entirely "tickled pink" to be back in the job. He's inheriting a split commission, a more nervous public and a utilities industry wary of long delays and accompanying higher costs.

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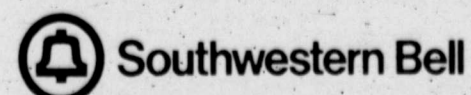


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